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PRESS RELEASE

Surfing Camp for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Miami Beach, FL – On March 11 - 16, 2012 (Spring Break) the City of Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department and University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UM – NSU CARD) will be hosting its long awaited 5th annual spring break surf camp for children with autism spectrum disorders.

This unique and exciting camp will open its doors to 12 campers ranging from 8-12 years of age with high functioning autism, pervasive developmental disorder, or Asperger syndrome. The participants were chosen after being screened by City of Miami Beach Parks & Recreation staff alongside UM-NSU CARD personnel. Participants can look forward to an educational and fun week as the Parks & Recreation Department and UM-NSU CARD present a unique curriculum that focuses on swimming skills, basic oceanography, meteorology, open water surfing and most importantly the children's abilities. The educational component of the camp will be held out of South Pointe Park and the actual surfing component will be held at the beach adjacent to the park.

From the first day, at the meet and greet where campers, family and friends get to meet the highly trained staff, to the final day of surfing demonstration, sponsors' distribution of goody bags, and the highly popular award ceremony, participants are sure to have an amazing experience as this camp offers a once in a life time opportunity for all involved.

Look for future events and other Miami Beach Parks and Recreation programming in your Recreation Review, call our offices at 305-673-7730 or visit our new and improved website at www.miamibeachparks.com. For information on UM-NSU CARD call 1-800-AUTISM (ext. 1) or visit us online at: www.umcard.org.

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